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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINER GROUP 2851

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

RYUICHI EBINUMA, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/817,018

Filed: March 27, 2001

For: SUPPORTING STRUCTURE OF OPTICAL ELEMENT, EXPOSURE APPARATUS HAVING THE SAME, AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE:

Mail Stop AF
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated June 23, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.